Boston. March 23. 1869. Saturday eve'g

Dearest Deborah,

I wrote you from Weymouth last Monday. On that day Aunt Mary began to get rather better. She had received a letter from E. Sampson very strongly urging it upon her to come to Duxbury & pass a few days. Mrs Lovell being in Boston. As a preparatory step to taking such a journey, on Tuesday she came up to our house & passed the day & night. In the evening the sewing meeting met at our house. Mrs Peirce, Mrs A. Hunt & her daughter the Armings, Frances Weld & S. Thaxter were present. I tried to do all I could in the way of strengthening these pillars. Mrs Peirce indeed, does not require any strengthening. I do not think Mrs Hunt would feel where it not for her husband. Wednesday morning I had a letter from Caroline. Aunt Mary went home in the afternoon & I as usual was there in the evening. By Mr R. I had a letter from Maria & one from you, those came, I suppose, by Abby's bundle. And let me say now that we have received no bundles by the Seabury's up to this date. If it has not reached us before you receive this, you had better call upon the family & ask about it. I learn from Ms letter that on Friday night she was to have a hang out". Mr Stone of St Paul's to meet Garrison as Mr S. had said he wished to meet G. Upon this I determined, as out any visit I should come in town Monday to stay on Friday & thus receive the evening. Maria's letter contained a proposition that was very agreeable to us all respecting Louisa - namely that she was requested to come in town as a teacher for Lizzy, the terms to be arranged after she got in town, for hers Maria "that's the way Deborah does." Louisa will come on Monday. On Thursday Aunt Mary would have gone but the weather was so unpleasant it was thought unsafe. In the afternoon I called at Mrs Lipfield's and had a good deal of talk with her as to the plan of the course in Weymouth which was decided to be [illegible] low. On Friday morning I came in town in the Bridgewater stage as Lipfield does not go but thrice a week. I left little Henry much better, but the poor child was very sick the first few days of his arrival. He was as pale & sick & great poor as a creature could be & we all decided he would never live to grow up. But he began to grow better a day or two before I left & when I left he was quite smart, rejoicing in the arrival of a horse. Henry speaks of him as very poorly, but how bad he really is, we cannot tell. All the rest were smart.

all the rest I mean at our house, for Aunt Priscilla is no better at all. At times I am very much alarmed about her but I hope some thing from the warm weather. I had a good enough ride into town with an Abington A. S. lady who was no peace. All well at Mama's & the baby lovelier than lovely saying in the most delightful manner "blessed Land" "morning star" & sundry other phrases of a similar character. Mary Chapman came after I arrive. Also Mary Robbins, in great trouble about Mrs Potter's death, so much so that she did not think she could come in the evening. In the afternoon Collins came much worn out with raising & organizing in getting up the Cradle. Garrison & Johnson had that very day gone back half a dozen times. In the first place some new type had to be bought & so Collins collected in one day $160 to buy it & got it & then they run back but Collins had brought them up again & came to congratulate us & it. We staid to tea & when Henry came in, he reported that they had run back again. Collins here, almost denounced them but we determined to back it out in the evening. Dr Stone did not come. We are suspending our opinion, but we fear he had not the courage to come, though he had as it were got up the whole matter himself. The people who did come were Mr & Mrs Garrison, Mr & Mrs Johnson, Mr Collins, Lucy, Wendell & Mary. We had a very pleasant evening, had nuts etc & Garrison was screwed to the point again. We all concluded that Dr Farnsworth was "jolly green" when he thought that he could talk with Garrison & Johnson & take their words & go out of town, thinking it would go on when it takes the whole strength & Collins does all the work into the bargain to keep them to the point. Gerrit Smith has given $100 to the N. K. Soc. & money keeps pouring in, in a steady stream. Wendell bought $12 from Plymouth, 10 from Dr Abbot Morton and the other 2 from some other person. Saturday. Mary Chapman called & Collins was in several times in the course of the day and quite late in the afternoon he announced that the Cradle was under way. Sunday. I went to meeting all day at the Free Church. Phelps preached in the morning a very good sermon, so good that I wondered how he had the assurance to preach it, but I heard it was an old one. He is looking miserably. In the afternoon Colver preached & he seemed to be foreign beyond description. Mr Collins spent the evening here & every thing is on the qui vive as to the Annual meeting. The Cradle

will be out Monday. Wendell came home with Caroline who had been passing the evening at Channing's. He seemed strong & hopeful. Henry & Collins disputed a good deal of the evening about Universalism. Henry & Collins are the best of friends. I suppose you remember that to day was the 24th.

Monday 25. This morning Lucia and Newey came in town & your letter that was sent to Weymouth they brought with them. Also a note from Aunt Mary who went to Duxbury Saturday. I was ill & full of crosses this morning and did not go out but was glad it was not meeting day. M. had a letter from a Mrs Hale of Providence with $5. for the A.B. Soc. & this afternoon $1. from Lucy Earle joining this Soc. also a letter from Adin Ballou avowing himself a non resistant, but yet he cannot [illegible] because we petition governments. In the course of the afternoon your package by Miss Peabody arrived and I will take due note of its contents. Collins & Dr Farnsworth called, the Dr seemed pretty bright & Gerrits Smith's letter to Maria rejoiced him, he absolutely clapped his fingers. Did I write you that Garrit wrote to Maria how grieved he was at the National? Caroline came in town just for a call. Dr Stone called & Mary Robbins; not together but they happened to meet. The reason Dr Stone did not come was because it was the anniversary of his wife's death last Friday & he was not over come to go out. Miss Niles of Abington called but M. was out. I have been to the Monthly Concert this evening at the Free Ch. a poor paltry thing & every attempt made to throw contempt on the Mass Action to get the expenses of the house were paid to give the rest to the American, though they must know there would be none left. When I came home found that Jo. C. W. had been here and Collins & Joseph Congdon were here. I read your letter to C. am sorry the N. B. plan miscarried. I have sent the Book to Boardman to day.

Tuesday 26. A day greatly to be remembered. But before I proceed to detail it let me say that J. Congdon called the night before & left your letters. I am sorry the plan about Caroline failed. But so be it. I went to the Monthly Concert on monday and a poor thing it was, nobody there hardly but peelers & they voted that the money they collected after the room was paid for should go to the American. In spite of poor spite, for I suppose they did not get enough to pay for the room. Dr Follen called before the meeting began, could not think the Nation ule really base. We all went to the meeting which was quite full early in the forenoon. In the afternoon & evening very full

C. Scott prayed. Mr Russel of Lynn moved that all persons favorable to immediate emancipation debate the subject but not vote. Mr Burpee here paid some thing as to not admitting any body but those who coved sign the constitution of the A.A.S.S. "He was opposed to convening the Standard" but Rupels vote was passed. Geo Allen opposed Francis Jackson's choosing the Committee on business but the meeting decided he should & he named Garrison for Chairman & 6 others. They speedily report a resolution "that this meeting approve the conduct of the Mass Board" & here the battle commenced. During the forenoon most of the folks seemed to hesitate about joining in battle, there was talking on & off & finally E.G. Loring wished to offer a resolution that the Mass Board at any rated would pay the money as a point of order honour. The N.Y. folks had, after their conduct no legal claim upon it, but yet we would pay it, or guarantee the payment of it. Henwell moved an amendment "we would pay it, in case every agent of the N.Y. Society was withdrawn." This began to stir the peelers up. and a long debate ensued during which Brian Pierson of Danvers, a minister, labored to produce peace. but could not settle it. Edwin Thompson made hits at St Clair & Burpee was ready through the whole meeting to kill every body. The adjournment took place with nothing of peculiar done. Probably 50 people dined at Maria's, table full after table full, 3 coloured people among the rest; 2 men & a woman. In the after noon the matter began to grow more lively. Lewis Tappan spoke at length & not very judiciously I thought for he said he appeared there as a criminal & for one word say "not guilty." Now you will perceive the impolicy of putting himself into this position. He made a flourishing speech saying how his feelings were hurt etc & acting as tho there was no way of helping the slave but through the Ex. Com. From that time the stripe began to deepen, the plot to thicken. Burney spoke & Phelps & above all Phillips. It began to be distinctly stated why the money had not been raised, why we wished the agents withdrawn. Phillips like Stanton ate to bits. Phelps only tried to defend himself as Gen Agent for not having raised the money. Garrison gave it in good style to the N. Yorkers & the matter grew more general. All amendments and resolutions of which there had been lots introduced

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during the day were with drawn, & there seemed to be an approximation towards taking the main question namely 'was the Map Board sustained?" The ground was taken by the N. Yorkers & their allies that the sustaining of the Map Board involved censure of the Ex. Com. & the above idea of that seemed to them like blasphemy. Garrison stood to his guns, declaring that the N. Y. Board ought to be faithfully rebuked. Phillips thought so too & gave it to them well. Ellis insisted upon it. He would be sustained. He did not wish to censure the N. Y. Board further than to say that they had committed a great error of judgment; that he did think; he wished to express no further censure. Geo Allen spoke for the peelers with great bitterness. Torrey gave hits right & left more specially at Henry. Henry gorged the N. Y. Board for their perfidy at the time he was in N. Y. St Clair finally began to talk for the sake of putting off the taking of the question. The meeting manifested a great unwillingness to hear him, but he would go on. As the plurality provided people began to stand up, to get upon the seats & to manifest the uneasiness that appeared at the Annual meeting. Tea time approached but few knew it. The cat had been merely belled several times during the day; but it fell to Rodney Hennah to be the first person to effectually bell her. He gave a faithful account of St Clair's labours in Bristol, burst out with the new paper, said that he believed if there had been no communication between the Ex. Com. & the new paper folks this crisis as they (the Ex. Com.) would not have arisen as they have done. He said a great deal of the genuine old Irish. You may judge of its tenor when I tell you it was sweet to our souls. I cannot go on to tell you more particulars. Could you Describe those stormy evenings at the Annual meeting. This was not so stormy (that is not so noisy) a time, but the emotion was full as deep. The Board came out full strong that is the N. Y. Board. H. B. Stanton & J. G. Birney fully avowed that voting it a shame be a test of membership. In short they came out fully. All their influence burst out. Lewis Tappan also aided himself out. But I get a little before my story. The vote was taken. Orange Scott calling for the yeas & nays. They

were taken & here I had the satisfaction of voting. Mary Chapman also voted here. The vote stood 148 to 23 I believe. It was open this that the battle came on about the test of membership and the Board did their worst and Foreen & Loring and several others did their best to enlighten the Board. Phillips put it into them fully. Abby Kelley ~~looked~~ spoke very well indeed. She spoke about funds, proposing to give $50 herself & to pledge $150 on behalf of the Salisbury Soc. to redeem this pledge. Some attempt was made to second her by Rodney French and others but the matter could not be put right thus. Map, through weakness, previous to taking up pledges was desirous that the Ex Com should withdraw their Agents from the field and it was insisted that the pledge would be paid when that was done & not before. Lewis Gopp an finally declared that he thought it best for the Map Soc. to divide; were he an inhabitant of this State that was what he should advise. Ones of Salem wished the Society to be divided from top to bottom. Phillips stated that he should withdraw his resolution, for after what had fallen from the Committee he would not give them a division. It was moved that the meeting adjourn & it was so. At half after 10, having been in session from ½ past 2, we hurried home & I poured out tea for 40 men or so though I could hardly sit up. I fell into bed tired enough.

Thursday. This morning there called here Dr Farnsworth Mary Robbins, two ladies from Taunton, Pettibone & Chapman from Andover, Maria Little & I know not how many more. Maria & I called on Abby Kelley at Mrs Smith's Miles. She has a call to lecture which she will soon obey. Her mother is in now. There are lots of callers the whole day. Collins is here half a dozen times a day. I send you the two skeins of silk & $1 from Caroline Lathrop & tell that I paid for the silk. As to your book, I have not had time to see about it, but can I get 1 vol without

the other & shall I get back? Write me word. We have had all your bundles up to now. I am so worn out I can hardly see what I write. Dr F has been here this evening; he still feels bad, but I do not mistrust him at all, but I am sorry he feels so. Messrs Bailey & R. French had their expenses paid so you need feel no uneasiness. A fund was collected by the friends for that purpose. Kenney has gone to W. to day. Dr Cowdry was here & dined at Chauncy Rose's & they all fell in love with him. If you hear of any good place in N.B. that would do for me, I should like it very well so you may have your eyes about you. Shall I send your old silk cloak to the dye house to be dyed for me & what colour? - I wish you could have been here through this meeting but you must get what you can from Oliver. Write me by him. Ask him to tell you about Geo Allen's talk.

Yrs ever Anne.

Caroline has the rest of the week after fast. -

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